

1 Kings 10^{4,5} the ascent by which
he went up to the house of
the Lord.

Instr. 7. My mt. of difficulties.

1. Time for preparation of sermon.

2. Left it until I returned to class.

Alas, - scant preparation.

- every service.

2. ~~Dream of climbing all night.~~

2. My going to be trusting the Lord for
help.

a - My dream of climbing

b - Search for a text with a
"climb" in it.

Read 1 Kings 10^{4,5}

I. Solomon's ascent to the House of the Lord.

1. The Royal Palace

a - stood on a artificial height
apart from the mt. on which
stood Temple.

b - Was the last word in magnificence

1. Its great hall & its furnishings
tower of 1000 shields of gold.
throne of ivory on golden bull
12 golden lions
vase of gold.

The deceiver ourselves
with our old habits

All former associations

Fear
of ridicule

Unwillingness to make full
surrender.

2. Bridge between palace & Temple.

Salomon's climb up to Temple,
500 holy guards carrying
Key of City of David.
Met by priests & Levites
singing "Give thanks
unto the Lord for He is
gracious, and His mercy
endureth forever."

3. There stood the Palace of King, representing
wealth, grandeur, kingly state,
the height of human power. But
above it stood the Temple.

Even Salomon, from his
height, recognizes a higher
still, even Jehovah his God.

II. The view from the summits of
human heights.

1. The magnificent heights of Western
civilization.

a - Its history - hordes of northern
barbarians conquer Roman Empire;
themselves conquered by It & and
Roman & Greek culture. Out
of feudalism into nationalism
from despotism to democracy.

b - Its sciences & inventions
~~and its religion & humanities~~

- ~~A~~ Its development of natural resources,
industries, trade & commerce,
d. Its religion & benevolences,
e. Its music, art, & literature.

2. The view from the top.

And what do we see? — another
ridge beyond that is higher
still! This is not the
consummation of human achievement.
There is an ascent which leads
higher still. And so, down
we must go again. Then another
valley of humiliation & defeat,
and struggle up the other side
to climb the heights that
are still higher.

III. The highest of all peaks — the Mt. of
God.

1. At the top is all righteousness
& love and peace!
2. When the nations of the world
reach the summit!
3. When all peoples of the earth
live up there together!

III. This was is a blasting
away of obstructions that
are preventing us from
reaching the Md. of God.

1. Such human sacrifice
demands the very best
that heaven can give
and earth can hold.

2. Science & business & pleasure
are beginning to see.

a - The part that Mr. character
is playing in the battles.

b - The transformation of
Harry Linder, the prince
of entertainers.

c - The turning of H. G. Wells to God.

Conclusion - The view from the side of the
Md. of Life

1. The climb thru innocent childhood
helped along, fed & cared for.

2. Thru young manhood, coming into
self-consciousness, confident in
my own strength, guided by principle.
"I write unto you, young men,
because ye are strong."

3. In the middle age of experience
many stumbles & falls
Wrong trails followed with
failures & losses
But these have taught a
wariness that causes us
to proceed more slowly
but perhaps all the more
sure.

"I write unto you, fathers,
because you have known."

4. Looking up, I see those just
ahead who are in a state of
Calm. They take their stumbles
& falls philosophically, knowing
that recovery & progress are
sure. Steeled to attack
& expect to fight they go
on in quietness & confidence.

5. Farther up, I see in the distance
those at the ~~top~~ summit of their
lives. They live in Retrospect.
They look down over the course
they have come. They once again
depart from Egypt, cross the Red Sea
wander in the wilderness, climb
Sinai and at last are on Mount

The turn & look the other way
into the future — the promised
land is before them. Canaan
awaits them.

When you reach the summit
of your earthly life, will
you be ready to ascend
the Mt. of God?